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In re Application of:
Howard Allen Colvin et al
For: REINFORCED SILICA/
ELASTOMER COMPOSITE
Serial No. 10/021,200
Filed: December 7, 2001

Docket No. DN2000251
Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: Umakant K. Rajguru

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Trademark Office on February 17, 2003.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the office action mailed on September 16, 2002, please amend the
above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 8-14.

REMARKS:

The claims pending in the subject patent application have been subjected to a
restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. During a telephone conversation with
Examiner Rajguru on August 14, 2002, Alvin T. Rockhill, the attorney for the applicants
elected to prosecute the invention of group I which is directed to claims 1, 3-7 and 15. In
affirmation of this election, the claims which are directed to the non-elected invention of
group II (claims 2 and 8-14) have been cancelled.

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